9/11 Mastermind Invited to Pentagon

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Al-Qaeda terror mastermind Anwar Al-Awlaki, the man who helped plot the aborted Christmas Day bombing, the Fort Hood shooting, the Times Square bombing attempt, and who also preached to the alleged September 11 hijackers, dined at the Pentagon just months after 9/11 documents obtained by Fox News show.American-born cleric Awlaki's role as a key figure in almost every recent terror plot targeting the United States and Canada, coupled with his visit to the Pentagon, only confirms our long stated position that Awlaki is a chief terrorist patsy-handler for the CIA – he is the federal government's premier false flag agent.

"Documents exclusively obtained by Fox News, including an FBI interview conducted after the Fort Hood shooting in November 2009, state that Awlaki was taken to the Pentagon as part of the military's outreach to the Muslim community in the immediate aftermath of the attacks," states the report.

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Awlaki was vetted before he was invited to attend a luncheon at the Pentagon in the secretary of the Army's Office of Government Counsel. His appearance at the meeting was deliberately engineered despite Awlaki's ties to three of the alleged 9/11 hijackers – Nawaf al-Hazmi, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Hani Hanjour – who were identified as the suicide pilots that slammed Flight 77 into the Pentagon.Following the Fort Hood shooting it was also revealed that shooter Major Nidal Malik Hasan had been in contact with Awlaki before the rampage. Awlaki preached to both Hasan and the 9/11 hijackers at the Dar al-Hijrah mosque in Falls Church, Virginia in 2001.

Awlaki also met with Christmas Day underwear bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab and acted as "the middle-man between the young Nigerian and the bombmaker." As we have thoroughly documented, the Delta Flight 253 incident was staged from start to finish. The US State Department allowed Abdulmutallab to board the plane, aided by a well-dressed Indian man, despite the fact that he was on a terror watch list and had no passport.

The Christmas Day incident was a boon for companies linked with the military-industrial complex, as it greased the skids for the global introduction of naked body scanners in airports.

Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad was also reported to have been directed by Awlaki before his failed attack on May 1st

"The Pentagon has offered no explanation of how a man, now on the CIA kills or capture list, ended up at a special lunch for Muslim outreach," states the Fox News report.

The explanation is quite simple – Awlaki is the CIA's chief patsy handler for planning and staging false flag terror attacks through the dupes that he radicalizes.

The US Special Operations Command's Able Danger program identified the hijackers and their accomplices long before 9/11, and would undoubtedly have also picked up Awlaki.

As Webster Tarpley has documented, Awlaki is "an intelligence agency operative and patsy-minder" and "one of the premier terror impresarios of the age operating under Islamic fundamentalist cover" whose job it is to "motivate and encourage groups of mentally impaired and suggestible young dupes who were entrapped into "terrorist plots" by busy FBI and Canadian RCMP agents during recent years."

Tarpley points to Awlaki's role in the Toronto and Fort Dix, New Jersey, terror plots, which were both contrived by the feds, as proof of Awlaki's usefulness to the authorities in radicalizing terrorist patsies.

Lawyers in a case relating to the much vaunted 2007 terror plot to attack Fort Dix and kill "as many soldiers as possible" concluded that FBI informants were the key figures behind the operation and that the accused, six foreign-born Muslims, were merely bungling patsies.

Similarly, the "Toronto 18? terrorists turned out to be "a bunch of incompetent guys who were primarily misled by a delusional megalomaniac". The explosive fertilizer material the terrorist cell apparently planned to use was in fact purchased by an informant working for the RCMP who had radicalized the group.

Given the fact that Awlaki is a double operative, claiming to be an Al-Qaeda leader yet in fact working for U.S. intelligence, it's hardly surprising that he made an appearance at the Pentagon.

Awlaki has also appeared in video tapes purporting to be Al-Qaeda propaganda material released by the IntelCenter, which as we have documented is nothing more than a Pentagon front group that has been caught red-handed releasing fake Al-Qaeda videos to bolster support for the geopolitical agenda of the US government.
Confirmation that Awlaki met with Pentagon officials after having inspired the very 9/11 hijackers that are blamed for flying a commercial airliner into the Pentagon provides yet more startling evidence that the highest levels of Al-Qaeda are completely penetrated and run by the US military industrial complex, which via patsy handlers like Awlaki is staging false flag attacks to boost their own domestic and geopolitical agenda.

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State Department: Don't Invade Privacy of Cleric on CIA Kill List

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While the New Mexico-born cleric, Anwar al-Awlaki, is the first American on the CIA's kill or capture list, the U.S. State Department refuses to release documents about al-Awlaki citing his right to privacy. This disconnect was uncovered as part of the ongoing investigation by Fox News' Specials Unit into the cleric who is a leader of a major Al Qaeda affiliate.

Through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in March 2010, Fox News requested "....any and all records maintained by the United States Department of State, in the passport file...." for the cleric. Initially, the request was referred to Human Resources at the State Department, before a formal response was issued more than a year later, in August 2011. The letter reads in part :

"The Department of State, Passport Services has reviewed your request and has given full consideration to the reasons provided. However, we have determined that your request must be denied. This denial is pursuant to subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act. The release of this information to you would be an invasion of personal privacy of another person, without written authorization from that person."

The government refused to release the records for the terror leader who is well known to be the first American that the U.S. government has green-lighted to be killed or captured.

After 9/11, Anwar Al-Awlaki was a tier one, priority target for the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in San Diego because of his known contacts with the hijackers. A State Department agent assigned to the JTTF, Ray Fournier, put together an arrest warrant for passport fraud in 2002. As part of that fraud, al-Awlaki lied on his Social Security application claiming he was born in Yemen, not New Mexico. At the time, there was not enough firm evidence to link the cleric to 9/11, so the passport fraud case was seen as a holding charge.

In addition, as Fox News was first to report in its special "The American Terrorist," the cleric fraudulently obtained $20,000 in scholarship money to fund his college education in Colorado. Al-Awlaki, who is a dual U.S./Yemeni national, claimed to be a foreign student. As an American citizen, the cleric was not entitled to the scholarship paid for by the U.S. taxpayer. According to the agent who handled the case, the documents still exist and are held by the State Department.

The denial of State Department documents is part of an ongoing pattern. In 2010, through the Freedom of Information Act, Fox News sought an FBI intelligence report, also known as an EC, that was written about the cleric and his radical ties two days before the cleric mysteriously entered the U.S. in October 2002 and the arrest warrant for passport fraud was pulled by the Justice Department. When the 27 page EC was produced by the FBI, all of the pages were redacted, citing national security and an executive order -- most likely, the warrantless wiretapping program.

Both the Justice Department and FBI have refused Fox News' requests and resisted calls from Congress to explain why the cleric was able to slip through the grasp of federal agents just one year after the 9/11 attacks. On Oct. 10, 2002, Al-Awlaki was held by Customs agents at JFK International airport for three hours until an FBI agent, Wade Ammerman, ordered the cleric's release, even though there was an active warrant for al-Awlaki's arrest on passport fraud.

Despite repeated requests, the FBI has refused to make agent Ammerman available for questions. The bureau has not disputed Fox News' reporting that the FBI was trying to cultivate the cleric as an intelligence asset or, that at the very least, agents wanted to follow the cleric to gather intelligence.

Last winter, as part of the Fox News special "Secrets of 9/11," Fox News asked the Defense Department to provide all documents, video or still photos of the cleric's lunch at the Pentagon in February 2002. Fox News was first to report that the cleric was hosted by the Office of General Counsel as part of the military's outreach to moderate Muslims. In 2002, there was virtually no vetting of the cleric who had contact with three of the five hijackers on Flight 77 that slammed into the Pentagon. At the time, al-Awlaki had already been interviewed at least four times by the FBI because of his suspicious contacts with the hijackers.

The Defense Department FOIA request produced only one email -- where almost all of the names of those invited to the event were redacted -- once again citing an invasion of personal privacy.

This summer, the House Homeland Security Committee launched an official investigation into the cleric -- whether he was an overlooked key player in the plot and whether he was an Al Qaeda operative from the beginning. The mainstream narrative is that al-Awlaki was radicalized after 2001, but the Fox News investigation "Secrets of 9/11" first broadcast in May presents a compelling case that the cleric was at the center of a pre-9/11 support network.

Newly declassified documents, exclusive interviews, phone and banking records leave little doubt that the cleric's contacts with the two hijackers, Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar in San Diego, and pilot Hani Hanjour in Virginia were not a series of coincidences but rather evidence of a purposeful relationship. While House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King, R-N.Y., set a deadline of June 17 for the materials and witnesses to be produced, a Justice Department spokesman told Fox News in August the request is still being worked on.

Anwar al-Awlaki and his contacts with the first two hijackers to enter the U.S. in January 2000 are central to the plot. It was at al-Awlaki's mosque in a rundown neighborhood of San Diego

where the three men met on a regular basis. A new book by former FBI interrogator Ali Soufan is at the center of a reported dispute with the CIA. Published reports state the book will blame the CIA missed an opportunity to disrupt the plot by failing to provide information to the FBI.

Fox News' Special Unit continues to investigate the cleric and its updated special "Secrets of 9/11" will be broadcast in advance of the 9/11 anniversary.

National Correspondent Catherine Herridge's bestselling book "The Next Wave: On the Hunt for al Qaeda's American Recruits" was published by Crown on June 21st. It draws on her reporting for Fox News into al-Awlaki and his new generation of recruits - al Qaeda 2.0. It is the first book to full investigate al-Awlaki's American life, his connections to the hijackers, and how the cleric double crossed the FBI after 9/11.